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**Midterm Exam**

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**Duration** : 75 min.

1. (25 pts) Consider the following grammar:

$S \rightarrow a S$   
 $S \rightarrow S B$   
 $S \rightarrow d$   
 $B \rightarrow B b$   
 $B \rightarrow c$

- Calculate the FIRST and FOLLOW sets for all nonterminals.
- Calculate the Predict sets for all productions. Is this grammar LL(1)?
- Give evidence that this grammar is ambiguous by showing two parse trees for the same string.

2. (30 pts) Consider the following grammar G:

$S \rightarrow ( L )$   
 $S \rightarrow id$   
 $L \rightarrow L ; S$   
 $L \rightarrow S$

- Eliminate left recursion. The resulting non-left-recursive grammar G2 should be equivalent to the original grammar G.
- Calculate the Predict sets for all productions of the non-left-recursive grammar G2.
- Construct the LL(1) parsing table for G2.
- Using the nonrecursive predictive parser, show the parsing of the following input string (**id ; (id ; id) ;** ). At each step show the content of the stack, remaining input, and parser action.

3. a) (8 pts) Write an unambiguous context-free grammar for a nested statement blocks where the semicolon separates the statements. A block is surrounded by **begin** and **end** and should have at least one statement. The last statement in a block should NOT be followed by a semicolon. Here is an example:

**begin** statement ; **begin** statement ; statement **end** ; statement **end**

- (8 pts) Write an unambiguous context-free grammar for  $\{wa^n b^n w^R \mid n \geq 1\}$  where  $w$  is a string of  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's and  $w^R$  is the reverse of  $w$ .
- (7 pts) Write a regular expression that matches all strings of 0's and 1's that do not contain the substring "110".

4. a) (10 pts) Show an NFA that will match the keywords: **if, in, int, else, end, read, real**, as well as any identifier that consists of one or more lowercase letters only.
- b) (12 pts) Convert the NFA of part a into a DFA. You can obtain the DFA intuitively without applying the conversion algorithm.